

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH 2001

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Council's financial regulations require departments annually to review internally set charges and to propose adjustments, where necessary, to the spending committee. This report proposes charges for school meals to be implemented from Monday 23 April 2001.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In the progress of construction of the Council's budget for 2001 / 02, the upgrade to the figure representing anticipated income from school meals has now been determined by the department of Finance at 3.3% to reflect inflation.

2.2 In order to maintain the purchasing power of pupils entitled to free meals, the cash equivalent value of a free meal in cash cafeteria systems should also be increased accordingly.

3. PROPOSAL

In order to remain within the revised education budget for 2001 / 02 to take account of both inflation and the need to generate additional income, the price of a set meal for pupils, and the value of a free meal, will require to be increased from £1.29 to £1.33 with effect from Monday 23 April, 2001. The price of individual items in cash cafeterias will be adjusted, as appropriate, to provide a similar increase in income overall.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This action fulfils the Council's financial regulations to review annually internally set charges and propose the necessary adjustments.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications.

6. RECOMMENDATION

The committee is asked to approve the above increase in charges to pupils, and for the equivalent value of free meals to be increased to £1.33 for implementation from Monday, 23 April 2001.

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26 February 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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AGENDA